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Mappilla State prisoners confined under the State Prisoners Regulation.

* 248 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Mappilla State prisoners confined under the State Prisoners Regulation or Mappilla Outrages Act in connexion with the Malabar Rebellion of 1921 and who have been released since 31st March 1931 up till 30th June 1932; and

(*b*) the number of such State prisoners who are still undergoing confinement in connexion with offences connected with the Malabar Rebellion of 1921, stating the number of persons confined in each of the jails or in each of the cities where they are confined?

A.—(*a*) The number of Mappilla State prisoners confined under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation II of 1819 and the Mappilla Outrages Act, 1859, in connexion with the Malabar Rebellion of 1921, who have been released since 31st March 1931 up to 30th June 1932 is 174.

(*b*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know when the Government propose to release the rest of these prisoners? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The Government have not come to any conclusion on the subject."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May we expect that the Government would come to a conclusion before the end of the year? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" All those who the Government thought should be released have been released."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" With regard to the rest, may we expect that they would be released before the close of the year? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I am afraid I cannot give any definite answer."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" May I know whether there are any special reasons for treating them still as State prisoners? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" An examination of their records showed that their crimes were more heinous than those committed by people who have been released. They are not in prison."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" Will the hon. Member kindly re-examine those cases? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I will take my hon. Friend's suggestion into consideration."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 257 infra.